

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 6 to 17 with the following amended paragraph:

--Figure 1 is a plan view which, for purposes of illustration, shows both layers of scrim 9, but it will be understood that, in practice, when the tapes are tightly woven, the tapes of one layer are generally on top of those of the other layer. Scrim 9 comprises two layers, **60** and **61**, attached together by means of layer-connecting tapes **40, 50**. Layer **60** comprises ~~warp weft~~ tapes **1, 2, 5 and 6** interwoven with ~~weft warp~~ tapes **12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 32** and **33** in a plain weave. Layer **61** comprises ~~warp weft~~ tapes **3, 4, 7 and 8**, interwoven with ~~weft warp~~ tapes **10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30** and **31** in a plain weave. It will be understood that the portion of the weave pattern shown in Figure 1, from ~~warp weft~~ tape **1** to **8** and ~~weft warp~~ tape **10** to **33**, is repeated to form a scrim of the desired size.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 22 to 28 with the following amended paragraph:

--Layer-connecting tapes **40, 50** are woven parallel to the warp tapes, at selected spaced intervals (here, after every twelfth warp tape) and are interwoven with selected weft tapes so as to connect the two layers. In the example illustrated in the drawings, layer-connecting tape **40** is woven under weft tapes **4** and **8** of layer **61** and over the other weft tapes; and layer-connecting tape **50** is woven over weft tapes **2** and **6** of layer [[of]] **60** and over the other weft tapes.--